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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BURTON of Indiana].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker.

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 7, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN BURTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

With the words of the Psalmist we pray that You would search us, O God, and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

We pray, Almighty God, that through reflection and meditation, through study and edification, and above all through prayer and renewed faith, we will speak with truth, our minds will point to justice, and our hearts will be full of mercy, that in all things, You will be our God and we will be Your people. Bless us now in all we do and may Your spirit remain with us always. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1240. An act to combat crime by enhancing the penalties for certain sexual crimes against children; and

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 889) "An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes."

DESIGNATING THE HONORABLE FRANK WOLF AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MAY 1, 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 7, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 1, 1995.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the House that I have informed the Speaker that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will be prepared to bring to the floor after our recess three major pieces of legislation that passed the committee: The Clean Water Authorization Act, which passed by a voice vote, the Mine Safety Act, which passed by voice vote, and the clean water amendments, which were adopted by the committee with very strong bipartisan support, a 42-to-16 vote, with over half of the Democrats supporting the bill and an overwhelming 29 Republicans supporting the bill.

Mr. Speaker, we hear somewhere word that the radical environmentalists are preparing an all-out attack on this. In fact, we have been informed that there may be an effort to block this bill in the other body, the thought being that if the bill can be blocked,

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